

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

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18. (currently amended) A disposable diaper for incontinent care of a user, the diaper comprising:

a hip belt, said hip belt defining a closed hip opening in a peripheral direction and having means for opening and closing said hip belt ~~at at least one location~~;

a main diaper portion, said main diaper portion having a front region, a rear region, an intermediate crotch region, a liquid impermeable back sheet facing away from a user's body, a liquid permeable top sheet facing the user's body, and an absorption body for bodily fluids, said main diaper portion also having two intended breaking lines or separation cuts disposed in said main diaper portion and extending from a longitudinal end region of said main diaper portion ~~towards to~~ said crotch region, wherein a middle section of said main diaper portion ~~disposed extending between and defined by~~ said intended breaking lines or separation cuts is structured and dimensioned to fold ~~or out and~~ open away from said hip belt ~~said user~~ along said intended breaking lines or separation cuts in said main diaper portion to expose an incontinent region of the user;

first closing means for attaching said main diaper portion to said hip belt in a detachable manner at a longitudinal end of said front region or of said rear region such that, with said hip belt applied, a user raises said main diaper portion between the

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legs and attaches a free longitudinal end of said main diaper portion to said hip belt in a detachable fashion; and second closing elements communicating with said middle section to re-attach said middle section to said hip belt or to bordering regions of said main diaper portion ~~to once more close the diaper~~ after said middle section has been folded or opened away from the user.

19. (currently amended) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said middle section of said main diaper portion has a width in a transverse direction between said intended breaking lines or separation cuts of 5 to 50 cm, ~~in particular 5 to 40 cm, 5 to 30 cm, 5 to 25 cm, 8 to 25 cm, 10 to 25 cm, or between 15 and 25 cm.~~
20. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein a width of said middle section varies in a longitudinal direction and decreases from a longitudinal end region of said main diaper portion towards said crotch region.
21. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein regions of said main diaper portion bordering said intended breaking lines or separation cuts are configured in a longitudinally extended fashion.
22. (currently amended) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein regions of said main diaper portion which border said intended breaking lines or separation cuts have a width in a transverse direction of between 1 to 10 cm, ~~between 1 to 8 cm, between 1 to 7~~

~~cm, between 1 to 6 cm, between 1 to 5 cm, between 2 to 5 cm, and between 3 and 5 cm.~~

23. (currently amended) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said intended breaking lines or separation cuts have a length in a longitudinal direction of 10 to 60 cm, ~~between 10 to 50 cm between 10 to 40 cm, between 15 to 40 cm or between 20 to 40 cm.~~
24. (currently amended) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said intended breaking lines or separation cuts are separated in a longitudinal direction from a middle transverse line of said main diaper portion by at least 1 cm, ~~at least 2 cm, at least 3 cm, at least 4 cm, or at least 5 cm.~~
25. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said second closing means bridge over said intended breaking lines or separation cuts.
26. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 25, wherein said second closing means bridge over said intended breaking lines or separation cuts along an entire length thereof.
27. (currently amended) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said second closing means have a length in a longitudinal direction of the diaper of 3 to ~~20 cm, between 5 to 50 cm, or between 7 to 15 cm.~~
28. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein regions of said main diaper portion bordering said intended breaking

lines or separation cuts form an impact region for said second closing means.

29. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said intended breaking lines are formed by weakened locations or perforations.
30. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said intended breaking lines or separation cuts extend, in a transverse direction of the diaper, outside of said absorption body.
31. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, further comprising elastification means extending in a longitudinal direction and disposed, in a transverse direction, outside or inside said intended breaking lines or separation cuts.
32. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein said first and said second closing means have mutually overlapping strip sections.
33. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein an inner side of said first closing means facing the body seats against an outer side of said hip belt facing away from the body.
34. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 18, wherein an inner side of said second closing means facing the body seats against an outer side of regions of said main diaper portion facing away from the body and bordering said intended breaking lines or separation cuts.